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SUBJECT: ACUPUNCTURE INSTITUTE

1. OSAKA RYODORAKU CLINIC, A PRIVATE ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC HAS BEEN OPERATED BY M.D. YOSHIO NAKATANI(50) AT 7-2 SAKURA-DORI, NISHINARI-KU, OSAKA OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS. HE ESTABLISHED A BRANCH CLINIC A YEAR AGO ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE EKIMAE DAIICHI BUILDING AT 1 SAKURABASHI, UMEDA, KITA--KU, OSAKA. HE SINGLEHANDEDLY OPERATES THESE TWO CLINICS WITH A FEW NURSES EACH, ATTENDING THE MAIN CLINIC IN THE MORNING AND THE BRANCH CLINIC IN THE AFTERNOON.

2. DOCTOR NAKATANI IS A GRADUATE FROM IWATE PREFERCTURAL MEDICAL COLLEGE, MORIOKA CITY, IWATE PREFECTURE. HE RECEIVED THE M.D. DEGREE FROM THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF KYOTO IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY 20 YEARS AGO FOR HIS THESIS ON THE APPLICATION OF RRADITIONAL ORIENTAL ACUPUNCTURE TO WESTERN MEDICINE'. HE OPERATES THESE TWO CLINICS IN THE CAPACITY OF AM.D., NOT AN ACUPUNCTURIST.

3. IN TREATING PATIENTS, HE USES SILVER NEEDLES WITH A SLIGHT ELECTRIC CURRENT RUNNING THROUGH CONTRARY TO ORDINARY ACUPUNCTURISTS WHO USE PLAIN SILVER NEEDLES. HE FREQUENTLY APPEARS AT T V SHOWS, DEMONSTRATING WHAT HE CALLS THE MIXTURE OF ORIENTAL ACUPUNCTURE AND WESTERN MEDICINE. TODAY (ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1973) HIS ACUPUNCTURAL DEMONSTRATION WAS TELEVISED FROM  
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THE ASAHI BROADCASTING STATION (CHANNEL 6) THROUGHOUT THE

KANSAI AREA FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

ALL ACUPUNCTURISTS NEED A GOJ LICENSE AND DR. NAKATANI HAS ONE.  
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